

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 18, 2010

PRESENT: Joe Vitale, Sara Carpenter, Diane Ripple, Sarah Matson, Barb Holtz, Raquel Mehring, Greg Jonas, Eve Altizer, Nichole Hunkins, Lisa McLean, Faith Holley-Beal, Don Harris, Missy Kueht-Becker

STAFF PRESENT: Jesús Mireles, Antwayne Robertson, Pete Slesar

Diane Ripple called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Diane Ripple made a motion, seconded by Joe Vitale to approve the minutes of January 21, 2010.

BOARD LIAISON REPORT

Joe Vitale reported on the Health & Human Services Board meeting held on January 28, 2010. He relayed the information presented at that meeting from Dr. Nancy Healy-Haney of Public Health. She had reported that approximately 14,000 persons have been vaccinated at the Waukesha County community H1N1 clinics. They expect that a resurgence of the H1N1 virus could occur in spring.

He reported that a presentation was made by Kathy Mullooly and Lisa Roberts regarding state mandates, including the Kinship Care Program.

Joe Vitale referred to a recent article on autism which he found concerning. The article indicated that 1 of 110 children are diagnosed with a form of autism.

ISSUE SEGMENT - INTERNET SAFETY

Greg Jonas from the Waukesha Police Department shared one of two internet safety video presentations that the Police Department takes into the Waukesha Schools. The video he presented at the meeting is the one that is shown to the youth. The other presentation is titled 'The Dark Side of the Internet' and is presented to the parents only. The video presentation is produced by Netsmartz. It provided much statistical data including the percentages of kids posting personal information, talking to people they don't know, friending strangers, posting rude comments, etc. Some rules for kids to follow were, never respond to messages that make

you uncomfortable, never meet offline without asking your parent or guardian, and respect other people online. It teaches kids that predators can be anyone, male or female, any age, and any profession. The presentation covered reasons why kids chat with strangers, even when they are aware that the stranger is older. There was a section explaining how predators “groom” the victims. They offer attention, send money/gifts, persuade them to keep the relationship secret, talk about inappropriate topics, send sexually explicit images, ask to meet in person, and are patient when developing a relationship. Victims are both male and female. Males are less likely to report an incident.

Kids, as well as adults, must avoid posting any personal information or photos with backgrounds that can be used to track the location of victims. The presentation outlined how quickly and easily predators can locate victims. There was advice given on the safe use of cell phones, instant messaging, e-mail, on-line gaming, and social networking. Kids don’t think about the consequences of what they post. Teachers, colleges, employers, as well as predators view the items kids post. The presentation explained cyber bullying and gave advice on what kids should do, i.e. not respond, save the evidence, set up new accounts.

Parents are advised to set rules with kids on internet use, keep the computer in a common room (not in a secluded location), use safeguards/filters like spyware, and communicate with your kids, stressing that it’s okay for them to approach you with any situation or concern.

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Jesús Mireles did not report, as they have a meeting this afternoon.

REVIEW NEEDS LIST

Diane Ripple handed out a list of meeting dates before the March 11, 2010 presentation to the Health and Human Services Board. She stated that the goal is to urge the Board for continued funding to make up for shortfalls from other revenue sources. She also handed out a hardcopy of the PowerPoint presentation on Child and Family Services Advisory Committee 2011 Needs for everyone’s review. There was discussion on which slides on the presentation to keep in. Joe Vitale reported that the Board, as well as the county executive, is very savvy and aware of the value of these organizations. Further, that the Board wants direct and to the point information. Barb Holtz suggested a bullet pointed document, rather than a printed PowerPoint. Don Harris asked if there is an option to highlight certain items without taking anything out. Jesús Mireles asked if there are specific areas we should focus on. Diane Ripple replied that she thinks the entire presentation needs more input. Jesús Mireles suggested memorandums of understanding showing how we collaborate as individual agencies, on all levels. He added that the needs of CAFSAC should be consistent with that of the county’s. Diane Ripple wants to impress on the

Board the point that with their support, they can continue with a comprehensive level of services to the community. Jesús Mireles suggested highlighting the way we maximize funds through collaborating between agencies and other counties. Raquel Mehring asked if it could be harmful, or appear to the Board, that they are concerned about servicing other counties. Jesús Mireles stated that he believes it will show that we have more resources and be advantageous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jesús Mireles reported that the State is having a federal child welfare review and he is in possession of a 150-page draft report detailing the state of child welfare. He offered to share the draft document with anyone interested or having input.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on March 18, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. in the Boardroom of the Human Services Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Sarah Matson motion to adjourn, and Raquel Mehring seconded the motion, at 10:05 a.m.

Approved on _____
(Date)